

Table II. Main parameters of treatment of the first flare in 24 individual centers and 3 countries. Centers and countries have been classified according to the cumulative dose of steroids.

#	centers	drug	max daily dose mg/d	Duration of daily dose weeks	Total duration weeks	cumulative dose of steroids mg/m ²	tapering	IVMP test
01	Spain-2	prednisone	80	4	8	2240	no	y
02	United Kingdom-1	prednisolone	60	4	8	2240	no	no
03	Russia-2	prednisone	60	6	12	2500	y	no
04	Croatia-3	prednisolone	80	4	14	2660	y	no
05	Croatia-2	prednisolone	80	4	10	2760	no	no
06	Croatia-1	prednisone	60	4	13	2780	y	y
07	Serbia-1	prednisolone	60	4	8	2800	no	y
08	Spain-1	prednisone	80	4	17	3000	y	y
09	Belgium-1	prednisone	60	4	16	3010	y	y
10	Lithuania	prednisone	60	4	12	3150	y	y
11	Turkey-4	prednisolone	60	4	16	3185	y	no
12	Turkey-1	prednisolone	60	4	20	3325	y	y
13	Denmark*	prednisolone	80	6	12	3360	no	no
14	Germany*	prednisone	60	6	12	3360	no	y
15	Italy-1	prednisone	70	6	12	3360	y	y
16	Italy-3	prednisone	60	6	12	3360	y	y
17	United Kingdom -2	prednisolone	80	6	12	3360	no	no
18	Netherlands	prednisolone	80	6	12	3360	no	no
19	Serbia-2	prednisolone	80	6	12	3360	no	y
20	Belgium-2	prednisolone	80	6	16	3555	y	y
21	Norway	prednisolone	60	4	16	3570	y	y
22	Turkey-3	prednisolone	60	4	12	3570	y	no
23	Turkey-2	prednisone	60	4	18	3900	y	y
24	France*	prednisone	60	4	18	3990	y	y
25	Italy-2	prednisone	75	4	18	3990	y	y
26	Russia-1	prednisone	60	6	18	3990	y	y
27	Greece	prednisone	60	4	18	3990	y	y
28	Russia-3	prednisolone	60	6	18	4095	y	y
29	Poland	prednisone	60	4	24	4245	y	y

* Nationwide protocol adopted by all the centers

Y: yes; IVMP: intravenous methylprednisolone